

Minutes for KSU Council of Students

King's Students' Union 2015-2016
Sunday, February 28, 2016, 10:00am
Boardroom, 2nd floor A&A Building

Voting Members

Alex Bryant
Benn van Ryn
Brennan McCracken
Ryan Kavanagh
Joy Shand
Alex McVittie
Sofia Zaman
Zoe Brimacombe
Hannah Kaya
Taylor Saracuse
Aidan McNally
Melina Zaccaria

Non-Voting Members

Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould
Charlotte Sullivan
Gina Grattan
Julia-Simone Rutgers
Jacob Baker-Kretzmar
Curran McConnell
Emma Jones
Kate Ashwood
Emma Morris

Call to order

Recognition of unceded traditional Mi'kmaq territory

1. Adoption of Agenda

Aidan McNally motions to table motion 6.5 and take it up at a later meeting. Ryan Kavanagh asks why. Aidan McNally says that the information Finance Committee has received from the Tabletop Gaming Society for this motion is insufficient information for today and therefore not time-sensitive. There are no other amendments.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 14th, 2016

The minutes are approved.

3. Oral Reports and Goals of Councillors

Benn van Ryn says King's Talks is today, and this is what he has been working on the most lately. He thinks it will be a great event. Taylor Saracuse asks what time this event starts. Benn van Ryn says it begins at 1:30pm in Alumni Hall.

Brennan McCracken says that his first week back has been quiet, and he has started changeover with Alex McVittie. He sat on the Enrollment Management Committee. He did tabling for Reject the Reset, went to Finance Committee, and generally thinks things are going well.

Ryan Kavanagh has been working on King's Talks, and that's taking up most of his time as a Councillor.

Joy Shand says that the DSS had a busy week- the Spring GM was on Wednesday and was great. They lost quorum and regained it, approved the budget, passed the new constitution, etc. They're starting a weekly tea and life chats next Friday at 2:30pm in the Wardroom. They are getting the pool cues in the Wardy professionally re-tipped, and they are talking about organizing more funding for the pool table in relation to this summer's Wardroom renovations. Alex Bryant says renovations don't include planning for a new pool table, and Joy Shand says that any money left over will go towards it. However, they are not holding their breath.

Melina Zaccaria says it has been a while since her last meeting. Over the past while, she has done some tabling, did the Problematic Academic Boyfriend Breakup Night with SNARC, and some other things. They are working with Canon, which is about disenfranchised voices in academia. There is a language contest at Dalhousie happening right now, and she will post about it later on. DASSS has done workshops for humanities students in the workplace and has done reviewing for Hinge. In terms of office hours, she will figure out a new time because of certain scheduling changes.

Taylor Saracuse has been trying to figure out a time to work on the survey he has put on about the Board of Governors and has 62 responses so far. He is pushing for more over the next three days. Taylor Saracuse will be compiling, with Zoe Brimacombe and Chris Parsons, that information over the weekend for the Board Meeting as a package to show on where students stand on open board meetings. The next Board Meeting will be on March 10th and should be a very exciting last Board of Governors meeting for him, Zoe Brimacombe, and Alex Bryant. He is excited for Aidan McNally, Curran McConnell, and Liam Compton to come in. They have also done some preliminary changeover related things with Curran McConnell and Liam Compton in relation to the Senate Disciplinary Committee. He and Zoe Brimacombe have agreed to create a changeover document, which has not been the case in the past. Emma Jones asks how to access the survey, and Taylor Saracuse says it is pinned to the top of the KSU page. Joy Shand asks if a report will be created on the survey. Taylor Saracuse says yes, but that it will be brief and limited. He doesn't know if there will be much time to create a more robust report.

Zoe Brimacombe has been working on changeover with Aidan McNally and is excited to work with Liam Compton and Curran McConnell as well on this. She attended the DSS-GM and is excited about their new Constitution. She attempted to table for Reject the Reset but no one was there, but she did successfully do some tabling work with the Feminist Collective. She is also joining a new 18-month task force.

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (attached)

4.1 Report of the President

Zoe Brimacombe says she is wondering about the Governance Committee meeting the day after the Board Meeting, on March 11th. Alex Bryant says ideally they would have met the morning of March 10th and talked about King's electing more diverse people to the board, but this will be pushed back to June.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asks where we can get a list of people on committees at King's. Alex Bryant says that this is all on the website.

4.2 Report of the Vice-President (Student Life)

Alex McVittie says that she has some numbers on enrollment and retention for next year, but nothing is final and she cannot share them.

4.3 Report of the Vice-President (Financial)

Kate Ashwood asks what happens to society money that is not allocated.

Aidan McNally says that levies are collected every year, and that the money has a restricted use. The financial year runs from April 1st to May 31st, and that is where the budget as well. It rolls over into the budget of next year. Levy money doesn't have a separate account and remains within the large account. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar says that he does not know where that money is in the budget. Alex Bryant says we have never run a surplus, and that is why we can't see it there. Aidan McNally says we don't start every year with 0\$ because when the year begins since there are still things to pay for, an amount in the bank account, etc. They count on the incremental cheques they get from the university. We only have an accurate snapshot of what last year looks like when we get bookkeeping records back, and it's a little more complicated than what it sounds like in that respect.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar says that on paper, that money seems to disappear. The money that carries over just doesn't show up in the fall despite that not showing up in the account. Alex Bryant says that as long as Jacob Baker-Kretzmar has been a student, we have caught up on our financial statements and haven't had to budget on our year end report. This year is the first year that statements will be ready by the fall for us to budget with information from last year. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar says he knows the statements aren't up to date, but there has been leftover funding in the past and it disappears on paper. In our own budgeting, that line should still be copied and pasted into the following year because it is still money sitting in the bank account somewhere. Alex Bryant says they can talk about this later on outside of Council since it doesn't have to do with Aidan McNally's report.

4.4 Report of the Vice-President (External)

Ryan Kavanagh asks about the new Ontario budget, and if it applies to both colleges and universities. Hannah Kaya says it applies to all post-secondary institutions.

4.5 Report of the Vice-President (Communications)

There are no questions.

5. Report of the Chief Returning Officer

Kate Ashwood says that elections went smoothly for both terms, and that quorum was also met both terms, despite certain conflicts with Journalism and Science students. They wound up extending election times by an hour (to 7pm) this semester. She says that the elections team was wonderful and she loved working with them.

Kate Ashwood also says there are some issues with vagueness in the report and job description for the CRO that should be addressed. She didn't know a report had to be made in the first place and that the CRO should be told the trajectories of their term very early on. She says she was confused by the relationship between herself, the CVP, the President, and the Chair as well. It should be very clear who the CRO should report to, who the aide should be (Kate Ashwood thinks it should be the CVP, since a large part of the job is advertising for the election) and that the executives shouldn't play a role unless no nominations have been put through. It would be better to have complete transparency and knowledge of where the CRO stands in this relationship.

Kate Ashwood also mentions the Bylaw Review Committee, and that it is confusing to know if the CRO does, in fact, sit on that Committee. Another project would be including MFAs and MJs in the election

process, which would have to be done through online voting. She says she had a lot of fun and enjoyed the process.

6. Action Items

6.1 BIRT SNARC Society receive \$414.72 in contingent funding to fund the printing of the CANON undergraduate academic journal and the launch party.

Finance committee recommends approval.

Aidan McNally says that this request is from SNARC, and says she's unsure if any of the non-voting members at the meeting came to talk about the journal. The description of CANON, which would be the first ever issue of such a journal at King's, is that it is interdisciplinary and showcases marginalized voices. It de-normalizes the unequal power dynamics that dictate the voices we hear in academia. This funding is for printing 75 copies and to fund snacks for a launch party, which will be on April 7th. March 1st is the deadline for submissions. The request is mostly to cover journal printing costs, which will be professionally done through Etcetera press. This is contingent funding depending on the quality of paper and complexity of the cover. It is worth noting that SNARC has received \$500 from NSPIRG for printing costs as well, which is wonderful. The amount requested is \$64.72 for the launch party and a \$300 contribution to printing as well as \$50 for unanticipated costs, which Aidan McNally thinks is a wise decision. We move to the vote. Melina Zaccaria abstains. The motion passes.

6.2 BIRT the King's Dance Collective receive \$252.30 in non-contingent funding to fund honoraria for student photographer and snacks for rehearsals leading up to the King's Dance Collective showcase "Pulse", happening on March 12th.

Finance committee recommends approval.

Moved by Aidan McNally

This funding request includes \$100 for the photographer's honoraria, and the King's Dance Collective hopes to use the photos in videos they make as promotional material in the future. They are also seeking funding for granola bars, hummus, carrots, and pizza for rehearsals in the lead-up to the performance as there are full-day tech rehearsals, and students often won't be able to make it to dinner. They are therefore hoping to have this funding for snacks. Hannah Kaya asks if the honorarium is reasonable. Aidan McNally says that it seemed a bit higher than usual, but her understanding is that it is spread over 2 nights, so \$50 a night. She says that if the honorarium goes through they might split it between a photographer and a videographer. We move to the vote. The motion passes.

6.3 BIRT the King's Feminist collective receive \$25.12 in contingent funding to purchase snacks for a movie night featuring feminist films.

Finance committee recommends approval.

Moved by Aidan McNally

The collective is featuring 2 films focusing on feminist issues, and are thinking of holding it on March 4th in the Archibald room. It is a very modest request in terms of the total. We move to the vote. The motion passes.

6.4 BIRT King's Pride receive \$198.00 in contingent funding to purchase decorations and snacks for Pride week, happening the week of Feb 29th to March 7th.

Finance committee recommends approval.

Moved by Aidan McNally

This is a full week of programming and looks very exciting. There will be a Pride Ball with karaoke, a Poetry Night, a how-to activism workshop, etc. There is a variety of events and a tentative swim-in movie. They are just waiting to hear if the Dalplex is available for this event. Pride has factored in some different things. It seems like a modest request as well. They've included snacks and craft materials. This is an incredible and important week and she encourages Councillors to attend these events. We move to the vote. The motion passes.

6.5 BIRT that the Tabletop Gaming society receive \$140 in contingent funding to purchase a Magic Booster Box for a magic draft to be held in early March.

Finance committee does not recommend approval.

Moved by Aidan McNally

This motion has been tabled until a future meeting.

6.6 BIRT Alexandra Sweeney be elected to Staff Review & Search Committee.

Moved by Alex Bryant

The people elected to this committee will review staff positions on campus and how they are structured as well as make considerations of what should be contractual obligations. This year, the committee is also considering a search for a new Services and Campaigns Coordinator to replace Chris Parsons. It is a two and a half month process.

Alexandra "Buffy" Sweeney has put her name forward. So has Kathleen Thomas. Alex Bryant also puts forward Rach Klein and Jacob Baker-Kretzmar. Nominations close and we start with motivations.

Buffy Sweeney is a first year Journalism student who wants to get involved with work that benefits the school. She is involved with X-action and has experience doing interviews as well as having been a Communications intern in the past. She would love to get involved with the Union in a non-Council position.

Kathleen Thomas is the president of the CSP Committee and a fourth year student.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asks about the structure of the Committee based on exec attendance, and Alex Bryant explains that this will change after the March GM. If the bylaws don't change, they can retroactively change that. This means that he will keep the three people that don't make it on the Committee in mind just in case.

Rach Klein is a fourth year student who is on the South House board and involved in equitable hiring practices there. She has a great skill set for this committee. Aidan McNally asks if Alex Bryant can speak to Rach Klein's involvement on the King's campus. Alex Bryant says that she is involved with SNARC, the Feminist Collective, etc. Most of her work has to do with South House.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar motivates for himself. He is in his third year at King's and is interested in the hiring and search process. He has experience with employees and employers and has worked with Chris Parsons when he was CVP. He knows the role very well. He understands what each position does and is familiar with the hiring process. He also sits and has sat on similar KSU committees and boards. He anticipates using the skills for this committee again in the future and hopes to get something out of working on this committee.

We move to the vote. There is one position and four candidates. The blank will be filled by Alexandra Sweeney.

7. New Business

Sofia Zaman says that next council will be on March 13th, and two weeks from that, changeover will have happened. That week is Easter Sunday, so Council will probably be on a weekday or be pushed back

to the next weekend. She just would like everyone to be aware of that potential three-week period without council.

8.Adjournment

Alex Bryant motions to adjourn. Ryan Kavanagh seconds. We're adjourned.